

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADACase # 2:23-cv-00140

Richard Gibson, and Heriberto Valiente,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

MGM Resorts International, et al.

Defendant(s).

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR  
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE  
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY  
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED  
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT  
AND DESIGNATION OF  
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Steve W. Berman, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:  
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 1301 Second Ave, Suite 2000,  
(street address)

Seattle, Washington, 98101,  
(city) (state) (zip code)

(206) 623-7292, steve@hbsslaw.com  
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Richard Gibson and Heriberto Valiente to provide legal representation in connection with  
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

1       3. That since 10/29/1980 (date), Petitioner has been and presently is a  
2 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of Illinois (state)  
3 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or  
4 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular  
5 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying  
6 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

7       4.      That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District  
8 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts  
9 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good  
10 standing of the bars of said Courts.

19       5.       That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,  
20                   nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory  
21                   or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or  
22                   disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None.

1       6.    That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give  
2    particulars if ever denied admission):

3    None.

6       7.    That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

7    Illinois and Washington

10      8.    Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2  
11    (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

12    Date of Application	13    Cause	14    Title of Court 15    Administrative Body 16    or Arbitrator	17    Was Application 18    Granted or 19    Denied
None.			

19                    (If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

20      9.    Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the  
21    State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same  
22    extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

23      10.   Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of  
24    the members of the bar of this court.

25      11.   Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to  
26    practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court  
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

STATE OF Washington )  
5 COUNTY OF King )

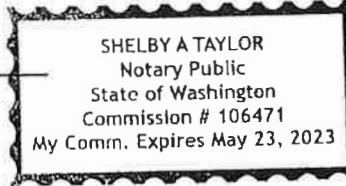
Petitioner's signature

10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11      31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023

Petitioner's signature

Notary Public or Clerk of Court



**DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO  
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner  
believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Adam Ellis,  
(name of local counsel)  
Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the  
above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of  
said designated Nevada counsel is:

23 300 South Fourth Street, Suite 710 \_\_\_\_\_,  
(street address)

24 Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101,  
25 (city) (state) (zip code)  
26 (702) 560-5520, aellis@psbr.law.  
27 (area code + telephone number) (Email address)

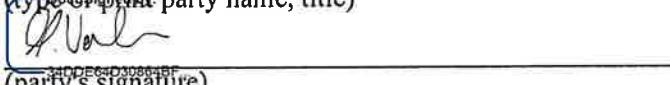
1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes  
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations  
3 binding on all of us.

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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Adam Ellis as  
8 (name of local counsel)  
his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

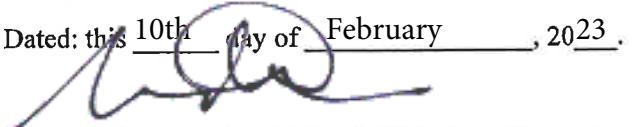
9 DocuSigned by:  
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(party's signature)  
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12 Richard Gibson  
(type or print party name, title)  
  
(party's signature)  
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15 Heriberto Valiente  
(type or print party name, title)  
16

17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**  
18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

19   
20 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature  
21 14514 aellis@psbr.law  
Bar number Email address  
22

23 APPROVED:  
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25 Dated: this 10th day of February, 2023.  
26   
27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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**Exhibit A**

**Supreme Court of Illinois**

Attorney Registration and Disciplinary  
Commission of the Supreme Court of  
Illinois  
130 East Randolph Street, Suite 1500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Admitted 1980  
Bar No. 3126833

**Supreme Court of Washington**

1206 Quince St SE  
PO Box 41170  
Olympia, WA 98504-1170  
Admitted 1982  
Bar No. 12536

**United States District Court for the  
Western District of Washington**

U.S. District Court Clerk's Office  
700 Stewart Street, Suite 2310  
Seattle, WA 98101  
Admitted 1982  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for  
the Second Circuit**

Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007  
Admitted 2013  
Bar No. not assigned

**Supreme Court of the United States**

U.S. Supreme Court Building  
1 First Street N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543  
Admitted 1986  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States District Court for the  
Northern District of Illinois**

Clerk, United States District Court  
219 S. Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
Admitted 1983  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the  
First Circuit**

John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse  
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 2500  
Boston, MA 02210  
Admitted 2007  
Bar No. 107719

**United States Court of Appeals for the  
Third Circuit**

21400 U.S. Courthouse  
601 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1790  
Admitted 1983  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**  
600 S. Maestri Place  
New Orleans, LA 70130-3408  
Admitted 1983  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**  
Leonard Green  
Office of the Clerk  
540 Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse  
100 E. Fifth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3988  
Admitted 2015  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit**  
219 S. Dearborn Street, Room 2722  
Chicago, IL 60604  
Admitted 2006  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit**  
Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse  
Room 24.329  
111 South 10th Street  
St. Louis, MO 63102  
Admitted 1996  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**  
P.O. Box 193939  
San Francisco, CA 94119-3939  
Admitted 1982  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit**  
Byron White U.S. Courthouse  
1823 Stout Street  
Denver, CO 80257  
Admitted 2001  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit**  
John Ley, Clerk of Court  
56 Forsyth St., N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Admitted 2014  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit**  
Admissions Clerk  
717 Madison Place, NW, Room 401  
Washington, DC 20439  
Admitted 2012  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington**  
Office of the Clerk, US District Court  
P.O. Box 1493  
Spokane, WA 99210  
Admitted 1995  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States District Court for the District of Colorado**  
Alfred A. Arraj United States  
Courthouse  
901 19th Street  
Denver, Colorado 80294-3589  
Admitted 1997  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit**  
333 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2866  
Admitted 2014  
Bar No. 55201

**United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois**  
151 U.S. Courthouse  
600 E. Monroe Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Admitted 1995  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States Court of Federal Claims**  
717 Madison Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Admitted 2013  
Bar No. not assigned

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan**  
Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse 231 W.  
Lafayette Blvd., Room 564  
Detroit, MI 48226  
Admitted 2016  
Bar No. not assigned

## **Certificate of Admission To the Bar of Illinois**

I, Cynthia A. Grant, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois, do hereby certify that

Steven William Berman

has been duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law within this State; has duly taken the required oath to support the CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES and of the STATE OF ILLINOIS, and also the oath of office prescribed by law, that said name was entered upon the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors in my office on 10/29/1980 and is in good standing, so far as the records of this office disclose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
seal of said Court, this 9th day of  
January, 2023.

*Cynthia A. Grant*

Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMISSION )  
OF ) BAR NO. 12536  
STEVE W. BERMAN ) CERTIFICATE  
TO PRACTICE IN THE COURTS OF THIS STATE ) OF  
 ) GOOD STANDING  
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I, Sarah R. Pendleton, Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, hereby certify

**STEVE W. BERMAN**

was regularly admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the Supreme Court and all the Courts of the State of Washington on July 20, 1982, and is now and has continuously since that date been an attorney in good standing, and has a current status of active.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of this Court on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah R. Pendleton".

Sarah R. Pendleton  
Supreme Court Deputy Clerk  
Washington State Supreme Court